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during the period covered by this report, showing a mortality of 25.64 per thousand. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Tuberculosis, 8; heart disease, 2; enteritis, 2; bronchitis, 2; congenital weakness, 2; other causes, 6. The following cases of infectious or contagious character were reported: Diphtheria, 1; infectious fever, 1.

Eight vessels arrived during the week; 6 of these were foreign vessels and 2 coasting vessels, of which 5 were passed without inspection and 3 inspected and passed. Ten bills of health were issued to foreign vessels. The steamship *Whitney*, bound for New Orleans, and the schooner *Wm. Neely*, bound for Brunswick, Ga., were disinfected. No health certificates were issued during the week. Eighteen pieces of baggage were inspected and passed and 228 bundles of clothes and bedding were disinfected belonging to the steamship *Whitney* and the schooner *Wm. Neely*.

Cardenas.—No report has been received for the week.

Isabela de Sagua.—Acting Asst. Surg. Pedro Garcia Riera reports no vessels arrived during the week. Four bills of health were issued to foreign vessels and 9 certificates of inspection issued to coasting vessels.

Caibarien.—Acting Asst. Surg. Bernardo Escobar reports 4 deaths occurred in Caibarien during the week. The principal causes of deaths were as follows: Congenital weakness, 2; infectious fever, 1; rickets, 1. No cases of a particularly infectious or contagious character were reported. Three vessels were inspected on arrival; 1 of these was a foreign vessel and 2 were coasting vessels. One bill of health was issued to foreign vessel and 2 certificates of inspection to coasting vessels. The sanitary condition of the port is excellent.

Respectfully,

G. M. GUITÉRAS,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CUBA.

Disinfection and labeling of baggage.

NUEVITAS, CUBA, May 8, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor, in reply to yours of May 8 (R. M. W.), to state that, on April 1, I notified the agents of different vessels leaving this port that no baggage would be allowed to leave without being inspected, labeled, and, if necessary, disinfected by the Marine-Hospital Service, and all baggage since that time has been inspected and labeled. Only 2 parties have left this place for points south of southern boundary of Maryland, and their baggage was disinfected and so labeled. I have been governed by Article X of the quarantine laws and regulations of November 13, 1899. I am satisfied that no baggage exposed to known infection has left this port so far.

Respectfully,

OWEN W. STONE,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Weekly report from Nuevitas.

NEUVITAS, CUBA, May 21, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended May 19, 1900: There were 5 arrivals, and 6 bills of health were issued, and 5 deaths were reported; no quarantinable diseases; the town